

Mourne Mountains

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 17 Dec 2022 until 23:59 on Sunday 18 Dec 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 17 Dec 2022 at 02:30

Confidence: High confidence in the change in weather type to a return to milder conditions along with wet and windy conditions on the hills. Lower confidence in the timing of the ingress of milder air on Sunday and precipitation type during the day.

Headline for Saturday 17 Dec 2022: Mainly dry, a few bright spells too, fresh or strong southwesterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 17 Dec 2022

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow

No Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms

No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

No Likelihood

Strong sunlight

No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 700m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Partly cloudy (night)	Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
20%	20%	10%	20%	10%	10%

Forecast for Saturday 17 Dec 2022

Weather: Mainly dry but cloudy at first. The morning will stay dry with bright spells slowly increasing, the afternoon will stay mainly dry with bright spells and an isolated shower.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 40% improving to 60% by afternoon.

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken cloud layers above 500m in the morning, lifting for a time in the afternoon. Visibility mainly good falling moderate or poor in any wintry showers.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	25/36 W	22/30 SW	20/28 W	14/18 SW	14/21 SW	15/22 S	19/27 S
300	7/17 W	6/14 SW	6/13 W	5/10 SW	5/12 SW	6/13 S	8/16 S
Valley	8/21 W	4/13 SW	5/13 SW	3/8 S	3/10 S	4/12 S	5/14 S

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	-1/-9	-1/-8	0/-6	-1/-6	-1/-6	0/-5	1/-4
300	0/-4	-0/-3	2/-1	1/-2	0/-2	1/-1	2/-1
Valley	1/-3	0/-2	2/-0	2/-0	1/-1	2/-0	3/1
Freezing Level*	400m	400m	600m	500m	600m	700m	900m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Meteorologist's View

Freezing level lifting throughout the day with any showers turning more to sleet or even rain at low levels.

Forecast for Sunday 18 Dec 2022

Weather: Cloudy with sleet and rain spreading from the west from the morning. Heavier outbreaks at times. Rain will ease later but some patchy drizzle may last into the evening.

Maximum wind: Southerly 20-25mph with gusts 40-45mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 700m: 40%

Low cloud and visibility: Scattered or broken layers of cloud above 400 to 600m. Moderate visibility turning very poor at times in strong winds and sleet.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 2 rising to 8 Celsius.

At 700m: Minus 3 rising to Plus 1 Celsius.

Freezing level: 800m in the morning, rising above all summits in the afternoon.